

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 and 27-43 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 25 are amended and claims 27-43 are added. Support for the amendments and added claims may be found in accordance with the following table:

Claims	Support
1, 14, 25	p. 21, lines 12-16 and p. 30, lines 1-6, for example
27	p. 21, lines 6-10, for example
28	p. 28, lines 17-24, for example
29	p. 29, lines 16-21, for example
30	p. 37, lines 2-16 and p. 38, lines 9-13, for example
31	p. 37, line 24-p. 38, line 5, for example
32	p. 40, lines 16-19, for example
33	p. 47, lines 5-11, for example
34	p. 47, line 24, for example
35	p. 58, lines 15-22, for example

Added claim 36 recites the storage feature recited in previously presented (now canceled) claim 26. Claims 37, 39 and 41 recite the authenticating feature previously recited in independent claims 1, 14 and 25. Claims 38, 40 and 42 recite the prioritizing feature previously recited in independent claims 1, 14 and 25. No new matter is added. Claim 26 is canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in that claim. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6, 8, and 10-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0014488 to Dalal in view of U.S. Patent Application

Publication Nos. 2003/0220973, 2003/0101343 and 2002/0019853 to Zhu, Eaton and Vange, respectively. The Office Action rejects claims 7, 9 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Dalal, Zhu, Eaton and Vange, in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0178833 to Kisliakov. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that Dalal discloses a shared workspace server configured to connect the site systems to each other. Dalal does not disclose that upon detecting that a first user at a first site system has selected a project directory and detecting that a second user at a second site system has selected the same project directory, the shared workspace server establishes, in response to the detecting, synchronization between the first and second site systems by connecting the first and second site systems, as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 14, 25 and 43.

Dalal discloses a system for establishing multiple real-time media sessions between multiple clients and a conference service provider (Fig. 1). For example, a chat client using the system in Dalal could open multiple video conferencing sessions with another client using the same conference service provider (paragraph [0025]). Dalal does not disclose, however, that the conference service provider stores a plurality of project directories storing project files, as recited in claim 1.

Further, Dalal discloses a system that establishes sessions between clients based on an invitation process disclosed in paragraphs [0042] - [0049]. For example, client A may send an invitation to client B to join a conference. In contrast, this application discloses that upon detecting that a first user at a first site system has selected a project directory and detecting that a second user at a second site system has selected the same project directory, the shared workspace server establishes, in response to the detecting, synchronization between the first and second site systems by connecting the first and second site systems, as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in the remaining independent claims (see also p. 21, lines 11-16 and p.

30, lines 1-6, for example). The remaining applied references are not applied in any manner that would overcome the above-identified shortfalls in the application of Dalal to the subject matter of the independent claims.

In view of the above, the combinations of applied references would not have suggested the subject matter recited in independent claims 1, 14 and 25. Thus, the combinations of applied references would not have suggested the combinations of features recited in dependent claims 2-13 and 15-24 for at least the respective dependence of these claims on allowable base claims, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) are respectfully requested.

Added claim 43 recites the same features as claim 1, and also recites a feature of changing a display based on a priority. Thus, added claim 43 is allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Added claims 27-42 variously depend from claims 1, 14 and 25. Thus the combination of applied references would not have suggested the combinations of features recited in claims 27-42 for at least the respective dependence of these claims on allowable base claims, as well for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-25 and 27-43 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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